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DEPARTMENT FOR HARTMAN AND SONNENFELDT FROM SHERER

MOSCOW FOR STOESSEL

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR

SUBJ: CSCE: BASKET III PREAMBULAR LANGAUGE

REF: GENEVA 1705

1. I INVITE YOUR ATTENTION TO REFTEL REPORT OF MY CONVERSATION WITH SOVIET CSCE DELEGATION MARCH 13 THAT SUGGESTS SOVIETS MAY BE PREPARED TO RESOLVE PROBLEM OF PREAMBULAR LANGUAGE OF CSCE BASKET III ON BASIS OF HELSINKI FORMULA. THIS, AS YOU RECALL, ENTAILED A CROSS REFERENCE IN BASKET III PREAMBLE TO PRINCIPLES IN BASKET I. I WOULD UNDERLINE, HOWEVER, THAT MY SOVIET RESPONDENT SAID THAT THEY COULD NOT NOW ACCEPT SUCH A FORMULA, THOUGH HE THOUGHT THEY EVENTUALLY COULD.

2. I BELIEVE THIS IS A SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT, REFLECTING AN EVOLUTION IN SOVIET THINKING ALONG LINES WE HAVE LONG FAVORED.

3. YOU SHOULD ALSO BE AWARE THAT AT MARCH 15 MEETING OF COMMITTEE ON BASKET III, FINNS ADVANCED PORTIONS OF A TEXT, PROVIDED TO US ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS, THAT WOULD  
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EXPLICITLY PROPOSE HELSINKI FORMULA AS A COMPROMISE. FINNS

HAVE TOLD US THAT THEY CHECKED WITH SOVIET DELEGATION  
AND OTHERS IN COURSE OF DEVELOPING THIS APPROACH, AND WE  
DOUBT THEY WOULD BE PREPARED TO ADVANCE IT WITHOUT ASSURANCE  
OF EVENTUAL SOVIET ACCEPTANCE.

4. ALL OF THIS APPEARS TO AUGUR POSSIBLE PROGRESS ON THE  
BASKET III PREAMBULAR ISSUE IN THE PERIOD IMMEDIATELY  
AHEAD. DALE

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